

HONORING RICHARD LONG

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Richard Long as he retires after 46 years of dedicated and extraordinary service to the United Automobile Workers. For the past nine years Richard has served as the National Community Action Program Director for the United Automobile Workers.

In 1963, Dick Long began working at the former Pontiac Motor Division and joined UAW Local 653. This began his life's work promoting better working conditions, not just for the men and women he saw daily on the shop floor, but for all workers. He began his service with the UAW as an alternate committeeman and quickly progressed into the UAW's top leadership tier. He became the chair of Sub Council 7, the largest sub council in the UAW during this time and in 1987 Dick was elected Vice President of Local 653 by his peers. A year later he was elected President. As the Chairman of the United Auto Workers/General Motors contract negotiations in 1993, Dick helped craft an agreement advantageous to both workers and the company. Stephen Yokich, then UAW President, tapped Dick to be his Administrative Assistant in 1998 and in 2000 Dick became the National Community Action Program Director.

As a national leader Dick was able to break down barriers for workers, and enhance their quality of life. I have known and worked with Dick for many years and have a deep appreciation for his wisdom and perseverance. His work exemplifies the ideals that the UAW has championed since its inception.

Dick's vision of a better life for UAW members and their families prompted him to work promoting education, teamwork, and social justice. He is active with many community organizations and the Democratic Party. In addition to his work, Dick and his wife Jackie have three children and six grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, it gives me great honor to recognize the accomplishments of Richard Long. He is a man of honor, intellect, and remarkable compassion. The members of the UAW and workers everywhere owe him a debt of gratitude for his foresight, commitment and actions. Because of Richard Long there is a greater respect between management and labor, better working conditions for members of the UAW, and better opportunities for their families. I consider him a dear friend and would like to thank him for a lifetime of hard work. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding Richard Long and wish him a long and enjoyable retirement.

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HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an innovative global business headquartered in Washington State

named the best company in the world this year by Business Week magazine, Nintendo.

A company that employs many of my constituents, Nintendo is an electronics maker behind some of the most innovative and breathtaking technological advancements in the world over the past century, and is thriving in a less-than-adequate economic climate while positioning itself to surpass more challenges in the future. Over the past five years, Nintendo's sales have risen by more than 35 percent annually while its overall value averaged 38 percent growth.

Rather than shrinking and simply trying to weather the economic storm it is facing, Nintendo has expanded and used its unique brand of innovation to stay at the top of its game and produce "must-haves" such as the Wii console, and we all enjoy the Wii.

Like other global companies reliant on its own unique brand of innovation, Nintendo has invested huge sums of capital into its people and commanded a large share of the market. Nintendo is performing at a higher level than any other company in the world in 2009. I am honored to have worked with Nintendo in the past and plan to do the same moving forward. Technological innovation will continue to move this Nation and this world forward and I thank Nintendo for being a visionary leader in that innovation.

HONORING REVEREND DR. JOHNNY TILLER FOR SEVENTY YEARS OF PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Dr. Johnny Tiller, who celebrated his 70th anniversary of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ on September 10, 2009. Reverend Tiller has dedicated his life to this work, and has pledged that he will continue to do so until God calls him home to heaven.

Reverend Tiller has spent his life preaching and ministering to the needs of those in western North Carolina. At the young age of 12, Reverend Tiller preached his first sermon at a cottage prayer meeting. In November of 1944, at only 18 years of age, Reverend Tiller became the first full-time pastor of Starnes Cove Baptist Church, in Asheville, North Carolina.

In November of 1993, after serving as a full-time pastor of four different churches over 49 years, Reverend Tiller retired from full-time ministry. Since retirement, he has served as interim pastor for six different churches and currently serves at Sunrise Baptist Church in Asheville, North Carolina. He also has taught New Testament courses at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute for the past 16 years. Reverend Tiller has preached on many radio stations, and has held numerous revivals and Bible study courses across the United States and around the world.

Madam Speaker, Reverend Dr. Johnny Tiller has done an exemplary service for the people of western North Carolina and throughout the world during his 70 years of ministry. His dedication and honorable commitment to serv-

ing God is truly a source of pride to western North Carolina. I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring Reverend Tiller for his contributions to spreading God's word.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES REGARDING ATTACK ON UNITED NATIONS WORLD FOOD PROGRAM OFFICE IN ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I extend my strong support to H. Res. 823, which expresses condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of those killed and injured in the recent attack on the United Nations World Food Program office in Islamabad, Pakistan, and support for the World Food Program's mission to bring emergency food aid to the most vulnerable people of Pakistan and around the world.

On October 5, 2009, a suicide bomber attacked the World Food Program office in Islamabad, Pakistan, killing five employees, Botan Ahmed Ali Al-Hayawi, Farzana Barkat, Abid Rehman, Gulrukh Tahir, and Mohamed Wahab. But more than killing these five individuals, the tragedy has affected the ability of this very important organization to meet Pakistan's most pressing humanitarian needs.

The United Nations World Food Program was established in 1962 and works to provide men, women and children with access to the food needed for an active and healthy life. In 2008, the World Food Program fed 102 million hungry and poor people in 78 countries. In Pakistan, the World Food Program provides assistance to 10 million people at any given time, including 2 million Pakistanis displaced by fighting in the Swat Valley region earlier this year.

As the international community grieves over the loss of five staff members who selflessly gave themselves to their fellow men and women, let us recognize the critical work of the United Nations World Food Program. More than 84.7 percent of Pakistanis live on less than US \$2 per day, and I daresay that Pakistan cannot afford to go on without the work and aid delivered by this organization.

I extend my sincerest condolences to the families, friends, and colleagues whose loved ones were lost in the recent attack on the World Food Program office in Islamabad. Moreover, I reaffirm my support for the mission of the World Food Program, its leadership and staff of over 10,000 dedicated men and women.

Lastly, I hope that this event reminds my colleagues in Congress, the American people and citizens of the world, that as human beings, it is in our personal interest to ensure that no one on this earth goes hungry for want of food. Let us rise up in solidarity with the people of the United Nations World Food Program and ensure that the recent attack does not diminish, but strengthens, our resolve to advance anti-hunger efforts in Pakistan and defeat poverty around the world.